Tamil Primary School in Alleppey.

190. * **Mr. S. Veeriah Reddiar** (*Commerce and Industry, North*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of people in the Alleppey town whose mother-tongue is Tamil;

(*b*) whether there are any Tamil Primary Schools in Alleppey;

(*c*) if the answer is in the negative whether they will open at least one Tamil Primary School in Alleppey?

Mr. A. Narayanan Tampi: (*a*) No information is available.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) The question of opening a Tamil School at Alleppey will be considered when the necessity therefor is established.

E. S. L. C. Examination.

191. * **Mr. K. G. Narayana Panicker**: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the Director of Public Instruction has abolished the system of conducting selection before the E. S. L. C. Examination;

(*b*) if so, the total number of students who can sit up for the examination due to such a departmental circular; and

(*c*) the total number among them appearing from Government English High Schools?

Mr. A. Narayanan Tampi: (*a*) The selection for all Public Examinations including E. S. L. C. Examination has been abolished as an experimental measure.

(*b*) & (*c*) It is not possible to collect the information as instructions regarding abolition of selection were received in most of the schools before any selection was made.

Mr. K. G. Narayana Panicker: May I know from the member the reasons which actuated the adoption of this new circular?

Mr. A. Narayanan Tampi: Sir, there are various reasons for sending such a circular. I find that over a thousand children are getting rotten for nearly 8 months. From the date of the announcement of the selection examination till perhaps late in the next year they are doing nothing and they are a source of disturbance in the class rooms and outside the classrooms, and in their homes. Weighing the two advantages I thought it was better to send them up rather than to keep them as a source of trouble. I thought it was far better to see that they appear for the examination and work hard.

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Mr. A. N. Satyanesan : പരിക്ഷണാർത്ഥം ഏർപ്പെടുത്തിയുള്ള ഈ ഏർപ്പാട് ഇനിപ്രമോണെന്നു കാണുന്നപക്ഷം അതു സ്ഥിരപ്പെടുത്താൻ ഭയവുണ്ടാകുമോ?

Mr. A. Narayanan Tampi : തീർച്ചയായും.

Revision of pay of teachers.

192. ***Mr. K. G. Narayana Panicker** : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether any memorial has been received praying for revision of pay of teachers who hold Vernacular Higher Examination certificates ; and

(*b*) if so, whether any action has been taken on this matter?

Mr. A. Narayanan Tampi : (*a*) No.

(*b*) This does not arise in view of the answer to part (a).

Purchase of text books.

193. ***Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar** (*Nominated*) : Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement showing the total average amount in rupees which the boys and girls attending the various educational institutions in the State including the Colleges are paying per annum for the purchase of text books?

Mr. A. Narayanan Tampi : The time and labour involved in the preparation of the statement are out of all proportion to its possible utility.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar : May I know from the member whether the price of the books will amount to crores of rupees or only to lakhs?

Mr. A. Narayanan Tampi : Several lakhs of rupees because books will have to be purchased by nearly 9 lakhs of pupils. They are books not only in the languages but in other subjects also.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar : May I know whether there is a complaint that the students have to pay price much greater than what is prescribed ?

Mr. A. Narayanan Tampi : We have fixed the price of the books. If any book-seller sells books at a higher price, he will be penalised.

English School for Girls, Alleppey.

194. ***Mr. S. Veeriah Reddiar** : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether they are aware that the present Government English School for Girls teaches only up to the 3rd Form ;

(*b*) that girls who are promoted from the above school are mostly obliged to join the S. D. V. English School along with boys ;

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